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## TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SCHOOLS QUAKEPROOF

Grand Jury Puts Matter Squarely Up to School Boards in Various Districts; Reconstruction Costs in Los Angeles City System Estimated at \$31,000,000

Responsibility for making every school building in Torrance, Lomita and other sections of the county resistant to earthquakes is placed squarely up to the trustees of the various school districts in the report of the schools committee of the 1933 grand jury. Filing of the report with the board of supervisors was one of the last acts of the jury before its discharge late last Friday afternoon.

After taking into consideration the reports of various geological experts, who said the county is in an earthquake zone, the grand jury recommended as follows: "All masonry school buildings that are not up to the standards set by the state division of architecture should be vacated.

"Schools should be housed in one-story frame construction until present buildings can be brought up to the established standards of strength to withstand earth shock force."

Had the earthquake of March 10 occurred four hours earlier the demands of a heart-broken citizenry would have been overwhelmingly insistent for placing of the responsibility for loss of life where it rightfully belongs, the report continued.

"Because we were fortunate once, shall we sit disinterestedly by and let the legal and moral responsibility from boards of education to parents, to voters, and back again," the report queried.

"Your committee recommends that a copy of this report be placed in the hands of all governing officials who are entrusted with the public safety and that they, each and severally, be advised of their responsibility and of their legal liability for failure to make effective such provisions for public safety, as against earthquake damage, as set forth in this report and supported by the findings and recommendations of the authorities quoted."

Copies of the report were expected to be in the hands of local authorities this week. It was estimated a week ago that it would require the expenditure of \$11,000,000 to bring Los Angeles city schools up to the standards of safety set up.

### 'Ride' Victim



Victim, apparently, of a "ride" slaying, the body of Julian C. Whitman, prominent San Francisco financier, was found by laborers on lonely Jersey island, at the mouth of the San Joaquin river.

Mrs. Wm. Mason Dies Suddenly On New Year's

Resident Here Many Years Succumbs to a Stroke After Long Illness

Mrs. Helen Carmichael Mason, 1290 Carson street, who had been a resident of the Torrance district for 27 years, passed away suddenly at her home on New Year's Day, January 1. Mrs. Mason had been in poor health for a long time, but on the day of her death had been about the home as usual, and her sudden passing was entirely unexpected.

Funeral services were held this morning (Thursday) at 10 o'clock from Cleason & Cleason's funeral parlors, 16423 Vermont Place, Gardena. Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter officiated. Interment was made at Roosevelt Memorial Park.

Mrs. Mason is survived by her husband, William Mason; four sons, William, Alexander, Richard, George; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Fields and Agnes Mason; two brothers, John Carmichael of Watts and James Carmichael of Los Angeles; two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Kendrick of Whittier and Mrs. Janet Harlan of San Bernardino.

Mrs. Mason was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to the United States as a bride. The family resided on Normandie avenue, near 190th street, and later moved to their Carson street address where they have lived for a number of years.

County Council In First Meeting

Clifton A. Hix, commander of the Los Angeles county council of the American Legion, will hold the first meeting of the new year, January 5, 1934, in Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa street, Los Angeles.

A full report of the council's activities for the last half of 1933 will be rendered.

### Governor Rolph Guest of Honor At Local Affair

State Executive and Many Notables to Dine at the Hollywood Riviera

Governor James Rolph, Jr., and his staff will be guests of this district on Wednesday evening, January 3, at a dinner given in the governor's honor at the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse.

Members of the Los Angeles county board of supervisors, county planning commission, county road department, city officials of Torrance, and other communities of the section, and civic leaders of prominence are also to be guests at the affair which is being arranged by Mayor John Clark of Redondo Beach.

Projects of importance to this section will be under discussion.

### Japanese Saved From Fiery Death

H. Hayashi, 114 Emerald street, who is believed to have been celebrating the advent of the New Year to a certain degree, escaped death by fire Monday when his partner, another Japanese by the name of Yamashita carried him out of his burning dwelling. The house caught fire, presumably from an oil stove, and Hayashi, asleep in the house, was in grave danger when Yamashita who was working outside saw the situation and dashed in to rescue him.

Strangely enough, Hayashi was not injured, while his rescuer was somewhat burned about the face. Property damage is estimated at about \$500 for dwelling and contents.

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### Amateur Radiomen Render Service In Montrose Disaster

The fourth meeting of the United Radio Amateurs of Southern California was held December 22 at the home of the secretary, Roland Allen, 1418 Anapola avenue. This club, organized only a short time ago, now has 15 active members and is growing in numbers and interest. Of the members present at the last meeting eight are members of the American Radio Relay League, a strong organization in the United States.

Three of these members being amateurs of this section, Forrest Pingle of Torrance, Edward Pothier and L. C. Beckman of Lomita.

"It is an interesting fact," said Mr. Allen yesterday, "that the earliest news of the storm and flood disaster in the Montrose section Sunday, was sent out by amateur radio broadcasters, which quickly brought help to that district. In cases of major disasters, amateur radio operators are fully as well equipped to relay the news and as prompt to do so as are the big commercial stations, and frequently render very valuable service."

An example of their use came up Tuesday morning when every trench pump in the county was requisitioned by the 'surveyor's' department to pump out trenches in order to facilitate the work within the next day or two. The expense was estimated at \$300 a month for five months, which the supervisors approved, in view of the fact that the CWA projects do not represent one cent of cost to property owners who are benefited.

### Classes In Foreign Trade Open at U. C. Extension Division

Added importance has been given courses in foreign trade since the recognition of Russia, according to University of California extension division authorities, who have announced the opening this month of 16 Los Angeles classes directly or indirectly connected with the study of foreign trade.

On Friday, January 5, the university will open a course in principles of economics which will meet weekly on Friday evenings from 7 to 9 in the Hillstreet building, 815 South Hill street, downtown Los Angeles headquarters of the division. "Contemporary Economic Problems," a class which will have Paul A. Dodd of the U. C. L. A. economics faculty as instructor, will open on the evening of January 16, and a class in "Banking and Foreign Trade" will open on January 18.

**FLOW AND SCRAPER STOLEN FROM FARM**  
 A truck and trailer were used by unknown parties to carry off a plow and scraper from the Quandi dairy farm on Hawthorne boulevard, Saturday, according to a report made to the city police.

### Fund Provided For Utilities On CWA Works

Supervisors Pay For Electric Lights and Telephones For Jobs

Although the Civil Works Administration does not permit use of its funds for electric lights and telephones, the county will stand the expense at the Bellflower, Lomita and Lennox jobs in order to facilitate the work. This was the decision of the board of supervisors this week, in allocating \$1500 for that purpose, on recommendation of J. E. Rockhold, county surveyor.

Rockhold explained that electric lights were necessary in material houses in order to take care of equipment before and after work hours, in order that men might have the proper tools to work with during the day. Likewise, telephones are necessary in order that materials and equipment needed on short notice may be secured.

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**TROOP 4**  
**LEE BURNS**, Reporter  
 Joe Miles and Jacky Barisano won inspection. They received passes to the Torrance theatre.

Mr. Silva was a guest and gave a very interesting talk to the troop.

Another guest was Donald Hyde of Banning. Donald was formerly a member of the Fox patrol.

The Beavers held patrol meeting Friday evening at the home of Announcements was made for a patrol leader and staff meeting at Scout hall, Wednesday evening.

Scoutmaster Jones announced the last Tuesday in January as the next court of honor and board of reviews. It will be held in the auditorium of the Torrance grammar school.

100,000 FAR ENOUGH  
 SELMA, CALIF. (U.P.)—E. P. Lewis, veteran Selma mail carrier, retired after tramping 100,000 miles in performance of duty.  
 Lewis entered the postal service February 2, 1902. For nearly 10 years he drove a horse and buggy over a rural route, then traveled it on a motorcycle, and finally, in an automobile. He transferred to a city route in 1913, tramping an average of 17 miles daily.

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